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1. An information processing method comprising the steps of:
 - storing a received mail document;
 - deriving a shift amount of an output position of said received mail document, according to a character string to be inserted when a new document quoting the received mail is prepared and according to a document format for locating said character string;
 - and
 - outputting said received mail document while shifting said received mail document according to said shift amount derived.
 2. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said received mail document comprises locus information to define the output position by coordinate values.
 3. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said character string to be inserted is a quotation symbol.
 4. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said character string to be inserted is an inserting comment text.

5. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said character string to be inserted is a character string that can be edited.

5 6. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said shift amount is length information.

10 7. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the shift output of said received mail is carried out by setting said shift amount as an offset value of said received mail document.

15 8. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines of the character string to be inserted and a line pitch of the document format.

20 9. The information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines and a number of characters of the character string to be inserted and according to a line pitch and a character pitch of the document format.

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10. An information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing document information comprising locus information and text information both of which can be outputted;

editing said text information stored;

5 deriving a deviation amount of a position of said text information stored, due to the editing of said text information; and

performing a shift edit to shift an output position of said locus information according to said deviation amount derived.

11. The information processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said deviation amount derived is a difference between a position of said text information upon output thereof without the editing and a position of said text information upon output thereof after the editing.

12. The information processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said editing is insertion of a character string.

13. The information processing method according to Claim 10, wherein said deviation amount is coordinate data.

14. An information processing apparatus

comprising:

received mail storing means for storing a received mail document;

5 shift amount deriving means for deriving a shift amount of an output position of said received mail document according to a character string to be inserted when a new document quoting the received mail is prepared and according to a document format for locating said character string; and

10 output means for outputting said received mail document while shifting said received mail document according to said shift amount derived.

15 15. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said received mail document comprises locus information to define the output position by coordinate values.

20 16. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said character string to be inserted is a quotation symbol.

25 17. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said character string to be inserted is an inserting comment text.

18. The information processing apparatus

according to Claim 14, wherein said character string to be inserted is a character string that can be edited.

5 19. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said shift amount is length information.

10 20. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the shift output of said received mail is carried out by setting said shift amount as an offset value of said received mail document.

15 21. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines of the character string to be inserted and a line pitch of the document format.

20 22. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said shift amount is derived according to a number of lines and a number of characters of the character string to be inserted and according to a line pitch and a character pitch of the
25 document format.

23. The information processing apparatus

according to Claim 14, wherein said output means is an ink jet printer.

24. The information processing apparatus
5 according to Claim 14, wherein said output means is a printer.

25. The information processing apparatus
10 according to Claim 14, wherein said output means is a display device.

26. An information processing apparatus
comprising:

15 storing means for storing document information comprising locus information and text information both of which can be outputted;

text edit means for editing said text information stored;

20 deviation amount deriving means for deriving a deviation amount of a position of said text information stored, due to the editing of said text information; and

25 shift edit means for performing a shift edit to shift an output position of said locus information according to said deviation amount derived.

27. The information processing apparatus

according to Claim 26, wherein said deviation amount
derived is a difference between a position of said text
information upon output thereof without the editing and
a position of said text information upon output thereof
after the editing.

28. The information processing apparatus
according to Claim 26, wherein said editing is
insertion of a character string.

29. The information processing apparatus
according to Claim 26, wherein said deviation amount is
coordinate data.

30. A storage medium that can be read by a
computer, said storage medium storing:

a control program for storing a received mail
document;

a control program for deriving a deviation
amount of an output position of said received mail
document according to a character string to be inserted
when a new document quoting the received mail is
prepared and according to a document format for
locating said character string; and

a control program for outputting said received
mail document while shifting said received mail
document according to said shift amount derived.

31. A storage medium that can be read by a computer, said storage medium storing:

a control program for storing document information comprising locus information and text information both of which can be outputted;

a control program for editing said text information stored;

a control program for deriving a deviation amount of a position of said text information stored, due to the editing of said text information; and

a control program for performing a shift edit to shift an output position of said locus information according to said deviation amount derived.

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